

ACTION MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF FLORENCE COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2021, AT 6:00 P.M., IN THE FLORENCE TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, LOCATED AT 775 N. MAIN STREET, FLORENCE, ARIZONA.

SPECIAL NOTICE REGARDING PUBLIC MEETINGS

Due to the risks to public health caused by the possible spread of the COVID-19 virus at public gatherings, the Town of Florence has authorized attendance through technological means. In reliance on, and in compliance with, the March 13, 2020 Opinion issued by Attorney General Mark Brnovich, and in conjunction with the Emergency Proclamation signed by Mayor Tara Walter, on March 18, 2020. The Town of Florence provides this special advance notice of the technological means through which public meetings may be accessed. Public wishing to provide comment at the meeting should contact the Town Clerk in by 5:00 p.m. the day of the meeting.

The agenda for this meeting is as follows:

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Walter called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Tara Walter, Michelle Cordes, John Anderson, Kristen Larsen, Judy Hughes, Arthur Neal, Johnie Mendoza

3. MOMENT OF SILENCE

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

5. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Call to the Public for public comment on issues within the jurisdiction of the Town Council. Council rules limit public comment to three minutes. Individual Councilmembers may respond to criticism made by those commenting, may ask staff to review a matter raised or may ask that a matter be put on a future agenda. However, members of the Council shall not discuss or take action on any matter during an open call to the public unless the matters are properly noticed for discussion and legal action.

6. ADJOURN TO COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2.

On motion of Vice-Mayor Cordes, seconded by Councilmember Larsen, and carried (7-0) to adjourn to Merrill Ranch Community Facilities District No. 2.

- a. Public Hearing on Feasibility Report for Merrill Ranch Community Facilities District 2-Assessment Area Nine, Unit 24 and Unit 34. (Rebecca Jimenez)

Chairman Walter opened the public hearing. Chairman Walter closed the public hearing.

- b. Discussion and possible action on Resolution No. MRCFD2 242-21 A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A NINTH AMENDMENT AND WAIVERS (ASSESSMENT AREA NINE – UNITS 24 & 34) FOR DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT, FINANCING PARTICIPATION, WAIVER AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT; AUTHORIZING AND RATIFYING THE GIVING OF NOTICE OF HEARING WITH RESPECT TO APPROVING A FEASIBILITY REPORT; AND APPROVING SUCH FEASIBILITY REPORT AND ORDERING THE WORK WITH RESPECT THERETO. (Rebecca Jimenez)

On motion of Boardmember Larsen, seconded by Vice-Chairman Cordes, and carried (7-0) to adopt Resolution No. MRCFD2 242-21.

- c. Discussion and possible action on Resolution No. MRCFD2 253-21: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ASSESSMENT DIAGRAM AND METHOD OF ASSESSMENT WITH RESPECT TO ASSESSMENT AREA NINE AND PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY OF THE RELATED ASSESSMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$598,500 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT LIEN BONDS (ASSESSMENT AREA NINE – UNITS 24 & 34) AND APPROVING THE FORM AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AN INDENTURE OF TRUST AND SECURITY AGREEMENT AND CERTAIN OTHER DOCUMENTS WITH RESPECT TO THE BONDS.

On motion of Boardmember Larsen, seconded by Boardmember Hughes, and carried (7-0) to adopt Ordinance No. MRCFD2 253-21.

- d. Discussion and possible action to approve Merrill Ranch Community Facilities District No. 2 December 7, 2020 Special Meeting minutes. (Lisa Garcia)

On motion of Vice-Chairman Cordes, seconded by Boardmember Mendoza, and carried (7-0) to approve the December 7, 2020 Special Meeting minutes.

7. ADJOURN FROM COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO 2.

On motion of Vice-Chairman Cordes, seconded by Boardmember Hughes, and carried (7-0) to adjourn from Merrill Ranch Community Facilities District No. 2.

8. CONSENT: All items on the consent agenda will be handled by a single vote as part of the consent agenda unless a Councilmember or a member of the public objects at the time the agenda item is called.

- a. Approval of accepting funds from the Arizona Department of Homeland Security in the amount of \$34,594 for license plate reader equipment to conduct OPSG border enforcement activities. (Bruce Walls)
- b. Approval of accepting funds from the Arizona Department of Homeland Security in the amount of \$198,474 for overtime wages/benefits, and vehicle mileage to conduct OPSG border enforcement activities. (Bruce Walls)

- c. Approval to enter into a professional services contract with SJ Anderson for electrical services at the Charles Whitlow Rodeo Grounds, using the State JOC #ADSP017-174290 for a total not to exceed \$36,000. (Chris Salas)
- d. Approval of six Phase II Returning Stronger Grant applications received, in the amount of \$31,762.29. (Ben Bitter)
- e. Approval of accepting the register of demands ending December 31, 2020, in the amount of \$2,820,740.46. (Rebecca Jimenez)

On motion of Councilmember Larsen, seconded by Vice-Mayor Cordes, and carried (7-0) to approve the Consent Agenda, as written.

9. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Resolution No. 1766-21: Discussion/Approval/Disapproval of A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF FLORENCE, PINAL COUNTY, ARIZONA, TERMINATING THE FLORENCE FIREFIGHTER PENSION PROFIT SHARING PLAN AND DISSOLVING THE FLORENCE FIRE PROFIT SHARING – PENSION & TRUST FUND BOARD, EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 2021.

On motion of Vice-Mayor Cordes, seconded by Councilmember Larsen, and carried (7-0) to adopt Resolution No. 1766-21.

- b. Resolution No. 1767-21: Discussion/Approval/Disapproval A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF FLORENCE, PINAL COUNTY, ARIZONA, REVISING THE PERSONNEL POLICIES, DATED THE 21ST DAY OF OCTOBER 2019, TO REVISE SECTION 811 - VACATION LEAVE DONATION PROGRAM, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY TO MAKE THE POLICY EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 1, 2021.

On motion of Vice-Mayor Cordes, seconded by Councilmember Larsen, and carried (7-0) to adopt Resolution No. 1767-21.

- c. Discussion and possible action on an Emergency Proclamation requiring Masks to be worn in specific locations in the Town of Florence.

On motion of Councilmember Anderson for a proclamation on the Town of Florence mask requirement. Motion died for lack of a second.

10. LEGISLATIVE REPORT

11. MANAGER'S REPORT

12. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- a. Community Development
- b. Community Services
- c. Courts

- d. Finance
- e. Fire
- f. Police
- g. Public Works

13. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

14. CALL TO THE COUNCIL – CURRENT EVENTS ONLY

15. ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Vice-Mayor Cordes, seconded by Councilmember Hughes, and carried (7-0) to adjourn to Executive Session.

For the purposes of discussions or consultations with designated representatives of the public body and/or legal counsel pursuant to A.R.S. Sections 38-431.03 (A)(3), (A)(4) and (A)(7) to consider its position and instruct its representatives and/or attorneys regarding:

1. Possible discussions with government agencies/entities and private entities involving the acquisition, purchase, sale or lease of real property and other property related to the Town of Florence's water and wastewater systems, including upgrades, expansions and contracts related thereto.
2. Possible discussion with Town Officers on the sale of Town land.
3. Discussion the Charles Whitlow Rodeo Grounds Management Agreement.

16. ADJOURNMENT FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Vice-Mayor Cordes, seconded by Councilmember Anderson, and carried (7-0) to adjourn from Executive Session.

17. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Vice-Mayor Cordes, seconded by Councilmember Larsen and carried (7-0) to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 p.m.

Posted this 2nd day of February, 2021, on the Town of Florence website at www.florenceaz.gov by Lisa Garcia, Town Clerk.